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The Palatka News and Advertiser

City Happenings and Personal Mention.

Dr. S. E. Peck of Pomona was in the city Wednesday.

William Carman is at home from Ocala for a short visit to relatives.

Mrs. Anna Deal of Alabama is visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Petermann spent the holidays here with relatives.

Capt. and Mrs. W. M. Davis, spent the holidays with Mrs. F. D. Ackerman.

E. Noble Calhoun and Jos. Price Jr. are away this week on a camp hunt.

Mrs. Bruce Blair is spending a brief period visiting relatives in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mallem received a Christmas present of a bouncing baby girl.

Postoffice Inspector Lake Jones spent Christmas with his family in this city.

Harry Packer of Philadelphia is in the city on a visit to his sister, Mrs. J. T. Bond.

Mrs. W. O. Holmes and Miss Martha Gray are visiting friends in Gainesville.

Omar Beydler came up from Daytona Sunday and spent Christmas day with friends.

Mrs. Ella V. Grooms is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Weller, and family in St. Petersburg.

Superintendent L. K. Tucker has gone to Miami to attend the educational convention.

Mrs. Geo. E. Gay entertained a large party of ladies at cards on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Louise Moragne has returned to her home in this city after a long absence in Augusta, Ga.

J. Watkins Lee a former proprietor of the Graham hotel in this city is dead at Ashland, Va.

Patton Anderson chapter, U. D. C., will meet next Thursday at the home of Mrs. A. J. Phillips.

Mrs. J. J. Hamm of Hudson, Ill., arrived on Monday for a visit to her son, H. O. Hamm, and family.

Miss Rosalie Price is spending the week at Crescent City, where she is the guest of Mrs. W. D. Benham.

The Baptist Sunday school had an entertainment and Christmas tree at the church Wednesday night.

Wm. Carson of Washington, D. C., chief electrician in U. S. navy, is visiting F. Melson and family.

A number of the young people spent Christmas afternoon in the ravine at the waterworks pumping station.

Dr. Richard D. Whiteside of Ybor City, Fla., is spending the holidays with his mother and sisters on the Heights.

The Misses Rubie Densford and Anna Johnson of Fort Meade are guests for a time of Mrs. Stewart Worden.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. A. Deal, Jr. of Valdosta, are spending a couple of weeks with relatives and friends in Palatka.

Mrs. E. M. Rugg and son, Harry, of Barnes City, Iowa, are here for a visit to Mrs. Rugg's sister, Mrs. A. H. Holcomb.

Miss Serena Bailey is home from her seminary work in Raleigh, N. C., to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Thomas Ringham came up from Sanford last Sunday and has spent the past week with his mother, Mrs. J. G. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Merwin of Padua, Ill., arrived in the city last Monday and will remain for the winter with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Squier of Omega, Fla., were guests at the Arlington Hotel on Tuesday. Mr. Squier is a big lumber operator at Omega.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cullen Ray of Savannah are spending the holiday season with Mrs. Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Rogero.

Mr. and Mrs. Markham of Tallahassee spent Christmas here, the guests of Mrs. Markham's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Crill.

Mrs. Samuel Tolbert of Miami is here for the holidays, visiting her brother, J. H. Yelverton, Jr., and sister, Mrs. Maurice Lamon.

Matthew Davis, big potato grower of Omega, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Davis is getting ready to put in a big acreage this spring.

Miss Toia Carman entertained a number of friends Christmas night at the pleasant home of her mother, Mrs. F. C. Carman, on Palatka Heights.

J. E. Lane of Putnam Hall is home for the Christmas holidays from service on a government dredge boat in Mobile bay. He was in the city yesterday shaking hands with old friends.

Miss Carrie M. Green, former assistant principal of the Putnam High school, is the guest of the week of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Haughton. Miss Green is spending the winter at Green Cove Springs.

Mrs. M. S. Brown and the children are spending the holiday season with relatives in Sanford. Mr. Brown will go to that place for his next Sunday's rest, returning in time for business Monday morning.

The Gem City Guards will celebrate the advent of the new year by giving a grand ball at the Armory on Monday evening, Jan. 1st, 1906. Finley will furnish music for the affair and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

Luther Curtis of Orlando, a former popular clerk in the Ackerman-Stewart Drug Co's store, spent the Christmas holidays here and with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. White of Crescent City.

W. M. Curry was called to Savannah last Thursday owing to the sudden death of a younger brother, Mr. C. L. Curry, who was associated with the DeSoto Hotel in that city. His death was due to pneumonia. The sympathy of the people of Palatka is with Mr. Curry in his bereavement.

Corporal George Bassett, 111th company of U. S. Coast defense artillery, stationed at Fort Dade, Egmont Key, Gulf of Mexico, is spending the holiday season with his parents in this city.

L. A. Ballard, a former prominent resident of the county whose home was at Crescent City, now owner of large kaulin interests at Richmond, Lake Co., was a guest at the Saratoga hotel Wednesday night.

"My Christmas trade this year," said M. S. Brown the clothier, "was the largest, with but one exception, in my business experience. That was when the soldiers were mustered out in Savannah at the close of the Spanish American war."

Chas. Kupperbusch, Jr., is home for the holidays from the Atlanta Military Academy, where he is a cadet, and Miss Edith Kupperbusch, a pupil in St. Joseph's Academy, St. Augustine is also spending the holidays with her parents.

Lorenzo Dana Walden is booked for the opera house on the night of January 24th in slight of hand. He is a young man of promise in his chosen profession, and one whom experts claim will eventually become as famous as a wizard as the late Prof. Hermann.

The Saratoga Hotel in this city served strawberry short cake for Christmas dinner. The berries were grown by Mr. Rigdon of Peniel and were the first fruits of the season. Mr. Rigdon has more coming on and the promise of a fine crop all through the winter and spring months.

Rev. J. F. Bell the new pastor of St. James M. E. church arrived on Friday evening last with his family. They were met at the train by Rev. N. J. Tilghman who escorted them to the parsonage which had been properly provisioned, and was in readiness for occupancy. Mr. Bell preached his initial sermon on Sunday but the weather was inclement and he was not greeted by the usual congregations. Those who heard him speak highly of his sermons.

A man who said his name was Boatwright, and who claimed to be a turpentine operator of Interlachen, was beaten and robbed of \$170 in Jacksonville Christmas night. He claims to have been lured to a lonely spot by a white man and a negro. They had offered to show Boatwright the "submerged" portion of Jacksonville—the red light district—and he appears to have been a willing victim. Boatwright could give the police no clue to the identity of his assailants. Boatwright is not known in this city.

Supervising Deputy A. C. Hamrick of the Knights of the Modern Maccabees visited the tent of that order in this city last Wednesday night, making a splendid talk for the purpose of injecting enthusiasm into the local members. Mr. Hamrick will return sometime next month and install the new officers. Rev. F. H. Richey is the new record and finance keeper of the order here, and he was duly installed at the meeting Wednesday night owing to the resignations of those formerly holding these offices. The Maccabees is an insurance order with social features.

A Hoo-doo Pie was the name of a most unique entertainment given last Friday evening by the Twentieth Century Club at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Estes. A program of music and recitation was given by members of the young ladies glee club and the club quartette, all of which was pleasing. Prof. Dana Walden was on the program for a slight-of-hand number and his performance proved clever and entertaining. The hoo-doo pie consisted of a large tub full of inexpensive presents, each accompanied by an appropriate verse, or other greeting, for the members of the club. Much fun followed the distribution of the gifts and the evening will long be remembered as a most enjoyable one. The home was beautifully decorated with holly and mistletoe. Refreshments were served.

Christmas Exercises.

The Sunday school of St. James M. E. church had its Christmas celebration on Tuesday evening at the church, and the attendance of children and parents was very good considering the inclement weather. Just large enough to make the occasion a really happy one.

The program of recitation and music was excellently rendered and displayed great talent among those taking part.

The recitations of Misses Mervin Ray, Emma Creekman, Evelyn Cartmel and Mildred Pearce, and a violin solo by Master Warner Hamm, were all well rendered, and was also the motion song by a class of little children. The church choir assisted in the exercises.

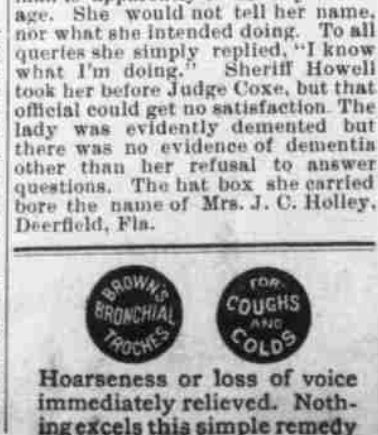
Santa Claus had previously sent messages of his coming and at 9 o'clock he made his appearance, laden with his pack of presents for the little ones—and large ones too—and then 'twas a moment of joy unalloyed.

Superintendent Geo. W. Bassett was master of ceremonies, assisted by John T. Bond impersonating St. Nicholas. The ladies of the church also lent valuable aid in the decorations, which were arranged beautifully around the chancel and altar.

Woman Acted Strangely.

When the train from Miami arrived on Thursday morning the conductor notified Sheriff Howell that a lady ticketed for Palatka was at the depot and acting strangely. The was a well-dressed lady, carrying two satchels and a hat box. The conductor informed the sheriff that she boarded his train at a point below Titusville and that she had a ticket to Palatka, but that every time the train stopped she started to get off; that once or twice she started to leave the train while it was in motion, and that he ordered her watched and brought her here because she was ticketed for this place. The woman is apparently 30 or 35 years of age. She would not tell her name, nor what she intended doing. To all queries she simply replied, "I know what I'm doing." Sheriff Howell took her before Judge Cox, but that official could get no satisfaction. The lady was evidently demented but there was no evidence of dementia other than her refusal to answer questions. The hat box she carried bore the name of Mrs. J. C. Holley, Deerfield, Fla.

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Capt. Mitchell Murdered.

Capt. J. J. Mitchell a former citizen of Palatka and for several years a popular conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line, was stabbed to death by a negro whom he was trying to arrest at St. Petersburg Christmas night.

Capt. Mitchell had been impressed into the service of special policeman for the day. At night a drunken negro was making a disturbance and defying arrest. Capt. Mitchell attempted it and the negro drew a knife and cut the officer's throat, severing the wind pipe.

The negro was seized by indignant citizens and carried to jail, but a crowd surrounded the prison shortly afterwards, and some one fired a shot through the bars and killed the negro.

The tragic death of Capt. Mitchell is greatly deplored here where he was long and favorably known.

Lettuce By the Carload.

Clarence Kennerly and W. A. Walton united in forwarding a refrigerator carload of lettuce to New York on Wednesday, the first to be shipped from Palatka in carload lots this year, though each of these gentlemen have been making heavy daily shipments by express.

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Notice of application for Tax Deed under section 8 of chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that R. S. Paine, purchaser of tax certificate No. 208, dated the 6th day of July, A. D. 1905, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam county, Florida, to-wit:

20 acres of Acosta Grant, south of Root, section 41, township 11, range 26—20 acres.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of B. C. Payne. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 9th day of February, A. D. 1906. Witness my official signature and seal this 27th day of Dec., A. D. 1905. [seal] JOSEPH PRICE, Clk. Circuit Court Putnam co., Florida.

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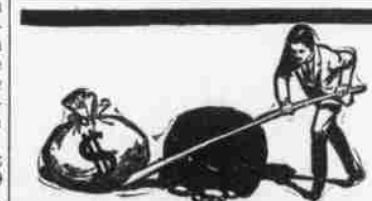
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